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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-7 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 February 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okuyama.

Okuyama discloses a video recording/reproducing apparatus that shows all the limitations recited in claims 1, and 7, including the feature of the recorder/player in which the recording medium is to be loaded (See Okuyama's Figure 1, component 3), the feature of the means for writing and/or reading video and audio information to and/or from the memory-in recording medium (See Okuyama's Figure 1, component 32), the feature of controlling data read and write from and to the nonvolatile memory (See Okuyama's Figure 1, components 33, 2, 26), and the feature of the controller connected to the recorded/player via a digital interface and including means for issuing a command for access to the nonvolatile memory via the digital interface and a command for data read from the nonvolatile memory (See Okuyama's Figure 1, components 2, 26, 31, and 32-33), and the feature of the appending additional data to data thus read as specified in the present claims 1, and 7. (See Okuyama's Figure 7, components 59, 60, 57, and column 11, lines 53-57).

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With regard to claims 3, and 9, the feature of the digital interface being an IEEE 1394 as specified thereof is present in Okuyama. (See Okuyama's Figure 1, components 31, and 5).

With regard to claims 4, and 10, the feature of displaying the contents of an input as specified thereof is present in Okuyama. (See Okuyama's Figure 7, components 59 and 51).

With regard to claims 5-6, and 11-12, the feature of the commands being an AV/C commands transmitted by the function control protocol as specified thereof is present in Okuyama. (See Okuyama's column 5, lines 38-41).

3. Claims 2, and 8, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Boetje et al discloses a video recording apparatus which includes a mic tape recording medium.

Both Taki et al, and IIZUKI et al disclose a recording/reproducing apparatus which includes a mic recording medium.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bob Chevalier whose telephone number is 703-305-

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4780. The examiner can normally be reached on MM-F (9:00-6:30), second Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 703-305-4725. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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October 6, 2004.


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